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THEARM FOR AREA'S

MORE than £1million in business rate relief will be given to retailers in West Oxfordshire over the next two years, the district council announced last Cllr Simon Hoare, cabinet and we hope this scheme will week.

or less.

There are 760 retailers in the district that could benefit, and tunately, fared well during the Osborne MP in his 2013 autumn it is estimated the total amount recent recession and we continue statement. It would be adminisof relief provided to those could to have very few empty retail tered by local authorities, whose reach more than £1 million in the units. Our council is proud to share of the costs would then be two-year timeframe.

ble retailers over the next few ing and working with retailers to ness rates and support provided weeks, to provide information offer help and advice to ensure by the council can be found at and an invitation to take up the that West Oxfordshire continues www.westoxon.gov.uk/business, rate relief offer.

By Adam Flinn

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member for resources, said: give their business a boost. The scheme will provide up to "The national rate relief scheme £1,000 of annual rate relief dur- is welcome news for retailers to help them realise new opporing 2014-15 and 2015-16 to retail and will support many of the tunities as the economy starts businesses occupying shops small and independent busi- to pick up." with a rateable value of £50,000 nesses that are at the heart of The business rate relief scheme our local communities.

support the local economy with reimbursed by government. WODC will be writing to eligipolicies such as free car park- More information about busito prosper.

"However, it is thanks to their own hard work and determination that local retailers have got through the recent tough times,

"It should free up some funds

was announced by the Chancel-"West Oxfordshire has, for- lor of the Exchequer George

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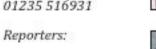
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Oxon 'nuisance' is behind bars

AN OXFORD man has been jailed for 38 months after admit- By Jack Johnson ting to making nuisance calls to jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk charities and businesses.

Martin Crowe, 51, of Dashwood "Your actions had an effect ing a public nuisance on Janu- extreme distress." ary 1.

Crowe called a domestic violence end of last year. charity saying he had kidnapped Investigating officer Det Sgt a woman in Warwick.

while historic reports of similar to hundreds of people. phone calls have been linked to "He now has time in prison to his phone.

In sentencing, Judge Ian Prin- effect they had." gle said Crowe had "entrenched Crowe was also ordered to deviant sexual interests."

to make thousands of phone calls existing ASBO. to various people, beauticians and charities.

Road, was charged with caus- on hundreds of people, causing

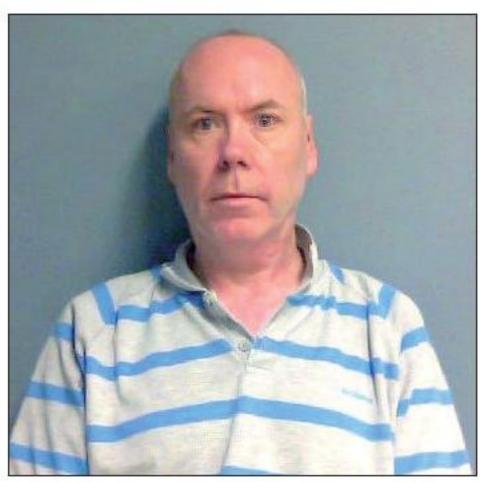
An investigation began after Just hours before his arrest, Crowe's kidnap phone call at the

Mike West added: "From there, This sparked an investigation it was discovered that Crowe had and resulted in Crowe's arrest. been making phone calls like this He pleaded guilty to the charge across the UK, causing distress

reflect on his actions and the

pay £120 victim surcharge and He continued: "You proceeded amendments were made to an

Martin Crowe



'Significant' plans set for independent review

look into significant planning sistency as the city develops.

buildings and the public realm. the panel.

is a high standard of design for chair the ODRP, with panellists of the historic city, but also can ous projects.

Panellists will ensure there Architect Keith Bradley will that works within the demands 'support days' to consider vari-

AN INDEPENDENT design significant built environment consisting of Cabe experts and move with the times. review panel has been set up to projects while promoting con-local practitioners nominated by Oxford City Council.

applications in Oxford. Cabe, the government's advisor Michael Crofton-Briggs, head and that the level of architectural The Oxford Design Review on design in the built environ- of City Development at the coun- and urban design excellence that Panel (ODRP) will consider ment, at the Design Council, has cil, said: "We want to ensure Oxford deserves." housing, infrastructure, civic been commissioned to establish that we have the best quality of The ODRP will meet on aver-

"Our aim is for the panel to understand how the city works

design for our future buildings age once a month, and provide

Bodies found in river

TWO bodies discovered by police in the past week are believed to be those of missing women Sirzana Saeed and Jacqueline Gulliford.

The first body, understood to be Ms Saeed, was found in the River Thames near to Oxpens Road last Thursday after she was reported missing earlier that day.

A second body, thought to be Ms Gulliford, was found in a river in Cassington on Saturday afternoon.

Both are yet to be formally identified.

News Bites

Hunger strike raises poverty awareness

SENIOR staff of the Oxford Diocese took part in the End Hunger Fast campaign vesterday, by going hungry for 24 hours to raise awareness for unnecessary food poverty in the UK.

The campaign is calling on thousands of Christians to fast, following statistics that say around half a million people in the UK are dependent on food aid.

Rt Revd John Pritchard, the Bishop of Oxford, said: "Being hungry is one of the most miserable experiences. One day's fast doesn't seem much to remind myself of that."

Two arrested after robbery

TWO men have been arrested following an armed robbery of a Headington bookmakers last week.

The offenders, both believed to be Asian men, entered Stan James bookmakers in Roundway at around 11.30am, and ran away with a quantity of cash.

A member of staff was threatened with a firearm and told to hand over money during the robbery, and both men are currently in custody.

Investigating officer Det Sgt Mike West said: "I am appealing to anyone with any information about this incident to contact police.

"If you were in the area at the time of the incident or noticed anyone acting suspiciously, please speak to an officer."

The incident is not believed to be linked to other recent robberies in the Oxford area.

Call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Trial of 'personalised' cancer treatment

University are preparing for the sor Nick La Thangue of the unifirst human trial of a pioneering versity's Department of Oncolpersonalised cancer treatment, ogy. which could help tackle a wide range of late-stage cancers.

the use of a new test to predict will do. which patients could be successfully treated.

ently to treatment, which makes from the treatment." to best treat each case.

and cause patients to suffer side the future.

RESEARCHERS at Oxford effects for nothing," said Profes-

"Personalised medicine promises to prevent this by predicting The trial will investigate the how well a patient will respond new CXD101 drug, developed by to a drug before administering it the university, and will also see and this is exactly what this trial

"This is really the shape of things to come, and avoids the problem One major challenge is that all of testing drugs on patients who cancer patients respond differ- have little chance of benefiting

it difficult for doctors to know how Between 30 and 40 cancer patients will be involved in the "When patients' cancers do not trial, who will be given increasing respond to a treatment, this can doses of CXD101 to determine the cost tens of thousands of pounds most effective dose for cases in



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Baby cafe 'will stay open after Freemasons grant'

WALLINGFORD'S Baby Café looks to have been saved from By Jack Johnson the threat of closure by the jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk town's Freemasonry group.

the Wallingford Masonic Hall, provide a popular service to local named the group as its charity nity Church every Thursday. of the year.

fundraising efforts.

closure just 12 months after it along hand-to-mouth and get for us. first opened.

St Johns Lodge 795, based at However, it can now continue to continue.

The Baby Café had been living fund us. The Masons will give donations off small donations after Lottery to the Baby Café and help with funding helped to finance its first could do, so I was starting to fund them while recent changes and reapply. year in operation.

a bit here and bit there," said

Café's midwife.

"That kept us ticking over and and actually supporting us."

has given the Baby Café £500 and mums at the Ridgeway Commu- we would actually find someone women in Wallingford and the which we will hear about by who could really substantially surrounding villages.

Last October, the group feared "I thought we would struggle then the Masons came through allowed the café to reapply.

group of blokes getting together Emily Shaw, who set up the

I thought that was how we would The Baby Café needs £5,000 hopeful of being awarded another a year to continue providing lottery grant. "I was starting to lose hope that free breast feeding support for

Organisers say the Masons "There was a limit to what we group will not be able to solely again and they said go ahead feel a little bit despondent, and to Lottery funding rules has

"I have to say that there is to£10,000 of funding which would nificant lump sum."

Rachel Fitz-Desorgher, the Baby something so lovely about this help to train new volunteers.

Baby Café, said: "We're very

"We've put in an application June.

"We got in touch with them

"Hopefully there is some more money coming in from that as The café could benefit from up well and it would be quite a sig-

Getting creative for festival's 'Epic Crystals' competition



TWO pupils from a school near Prof Andrew Harrison, CEO of Didcot were on hand to show off Diamond Light Source, said: "We a new display for Oxfordshire are hoping to inspire the crystal-Science Festival earlier this lographers of the future." week.

Freya Ryan and Noah Foy, both • (From left to right) Renee aged nine, who attend Chilton Watson, CEO of Oxfordshire Primary School, posed outside Science Festival, scientist of Waterstones in Oxford on Claire Murray, competition Monday.

Twenty local schools took part and Noah Foy, nine, outside in an 'Epic Crystals' competition, the 'Epic Crystals' window at in celebration of the Interna- Waterstones tional Year of Crystallography.

Schoolchildren grew their own specimens, met scientists and drew pictures of the many ways crystals can be used.

Freya won the picture competition and her drawing takes centre stage in the window.

"I drew the diamond being hit by the X-ray beam," she explained.

Her school was also awarded an 'Epic Crystals' display of its own.

The competition was a collaboration between Diamond Light Source, the Science and Technology Facilities Council, the Museum of the History of Science, Oxford's Museum of Natural History, the British Crystallography Association and Oxfordshire Science Festival.

winner Freya Ryan, nine,

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Restaurants face illegal staff fines

TWO Oxfordshire restaurants face potential penalties totalling £60,000, after they were found to be employing illegal workers by Home Office immigration enforcement last week.

Officers visited Chef Imperial, High Street, Woodstock and Mazza Café and Restaurant, Cowley Road, Oxford, and questioned individuals about their right to work in the UK.

Four people were found to have been employed illegally at Chef Imperial, a Chinese man and woman aged 32 and 44, a 35-yearold Brazilian woman and a 39-year-old man from Malaysia. Two Pakistani men, aged 29 and 37, were then arrested at Mazza.

The restaurants face penalties of up to £10,000 per illegal worker, meaning that unless proof can be provided that the correct right-to-work checks were carried out, Chef Imperial could have to pay £40,000 and Mazza £20,000.

Paul Smith, head of the Thames Valley and Surrey Home Office Immigration Enforcement team, said: "We will continue to track down and remove those who abuse our immigration laws. Employers who use illegal labour are defrauding the taxpayer, undercutting honest employers and denying legitimate job hunters employment.

"I would urge anyone with detailed and specific information about suspected immigration abuse to get in touch."

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'No evidence' home care improves lives of OAPs

OXFORD researchers say there is "no consistent evidence" of By Jack Johnson home care visits helping the elderly to live longer or independently.

This has seen the authors of analysed. the PLOS ONE journal refuse to support government policies son said: "The evidence amassed to make home care visits widely gives us an incomplete picture. available.

versity and University College its for the elderly. London analysed 64 randomised Experts say the effectiveness of ducted on a very large scale." some home care programmes cannot be ruled out but there is versity's Centre for Evidenceno significant evidence of ben- Based Intervention, added: "We

29,000 people aged over 65 who withdrawn. were living independently, were "In the light of this review, howtion or institutionalisation, and in the community."

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the overall quality of life was

Lead author Dr Evan Mayo-Wil-As such, this review cannot sup-Researchers from Oxford Uni- port the policy of home care vis-

"Any further research setting controlled trials, mainly in the out to investigate the value of UK, United States and Canada. home visits would need to be con-

Sean Grant, from Oxford Uniare not saying that those peo-Trials spanning the last 20 ple currently getting home care years, which involved almost visits should have this service

investigated by the researchers. ever, policy makers, profession-Across all the trials, the effect als and families should carefully of home care visits on mortality consider the alternatives when rates, falls, the risks of injury making decisions about effective and illness, rates of hospitalisa- means of support for the elderly

Extension in Oxon self-help reading scheme

Council.

A LIBRARY scheme encour- Prescription (BOP) scheme ning at the Oxford Central, about their situation.

aging people to read self-help allows people to choose from Abingdon, Witney, Banbury, books is set to be extended fur- a selection of books to learn Didcot and Thame libraries, ther across the county, accord- more about their own illnesses but will be extended to Bicesing to Oxfordshire County to help them to find out more ter, Cowley, Wantage, Henley, Kidlington and Carterton.

manager for adults at Oxfordshire Libraries, said: "This is a great initiative. It sees the library service working with health practitioners to encourage people to use self-help books alongside advice from GPs to improve their wellbeing and improve their situations.

"The scheme has proved popular and we are pleased to be rolling this out across other libraries in Oxfordshire."

Dr Angela Lee from the Leys Health Centre, which promotes the scheme, added: "I find it's useful to be able to direct patients to reliable information and self-help resources."

News Bites

Body found in Kidlington

THE body of a man in his fifties has been found in a property in Kidlington, although the circumstances of his death are not believed to be suspicious at this time.

Police were called to a house in Buckland Court at 11.41am on Saturday to a report of a fear for welfare when they made the discovery.

More fraud cases in city

THAMES Valley Police has revealed there has been nine incidents of courier fraud in Oxford since March 5.

Scammers are targeting the elderly and vulnerable, explaining to them that their card needs to be replaced and they should call the bank.

Unknown to the victim, the caller stays on the line and asks for a pin number before telling them their card will be collected.

Call 101 to report any incidents or 999 if the crime is in action.

The Reading Well: Books On At the moment BOP is run- Jane Mason, reader services

Cloudy2Clear Windows - Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes - not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Josh Florey feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 10 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps.

struggled since last year and Thonestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a

Cloudy2Clear service Oxfordshire from their local depots and Josh is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truthis that it's not just the personal

Many tradespeople have satisfaction that I get from a little bit of effort is doing a good job but also appreciated.'
So, if your windows are sense. I get a huge amount steamed up, broken or of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much

damaged give Josh a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118 and he'll be happy to help!



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Death arrest

A 49-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving after a fatal collision where a two-year-old girl was killed in Upper Arncott on Saturday.

At around 4.55pm, the girl was hit by a reversing car on the Oaksview Caravan Park, and died shortly after being taken to Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

Investigating officer Stuart Whitworth said: "This is a tragic incident in which a two-year-old girl has lost her life. I ask anyone with any information on the collision to give us a call immediately via 101."

The man has been bailed until March 31.

Police appeal

POLICE are appealing for the public's help in finding a 54-year-old man from Witney who has been missing since March 12.

Malcolm Jones was last seen at his home, and is described as white, of slim build, about 5ft 9ins, clean shaven and with dark brown hair. He was last seen wearing blue jeans, a grey polo shirt, a blue rain coat, brown walking boots and carrying a large hiking rucksack.

Call 101, quoting URN 1405 of March 12.

Plans submitted for regeneration

PLANS for a £6.6million community building in Bicester By Adam Flinn have been submitted as part of the town centre regeneration project's final phase.

begin in July.

The building is proposed to feature a new library, hotel and retail space, and will also incorporate energy saving measures in keeping with the Bicester One Shared Vision project.

It would be built on the existing Franklins Yard car park, and will face towards Bure Place and Wesley Square.

Cllr Norman Bolster, lead member for estates and economy, said: "This application represents the final stage of the project to regenerate Bicester town centre.

"This building will both complete and complement the Pioneer Square development.

"We first showcased this proposal at an exhibition in January and invited feedback from the public.

"Based on the comments received at the time, we are satisfied this proposal has been

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utilise its facilities."

been allocated for a Cherwell a 53-bed Travelodge hotel. District Council Link Point, restaurant and retail space.

finalised to a standard which will house its new library on the for cultural facilities in the town Cherwell District councillors will satisfy both the require-will discuss the erection of a ments of the building's future ing the Bicester Local History dents and the area's expanding five-storey building in May, and occupants, and also the resi- Society. Office space will be population.

if approved building work could dents and customers who will provided on the first and sec- If approved, it is hoped that the ond floors, while the third and building would be completed by The ground floor space has fourth floors will be occupied by summer of next year.

The provision of a community building is part of the Eco Bices-Oxfordshire County Council terprogramme to meet the need



Artist's impression of the proposed community building

Thame: More jobs around the corner

THAME could be set for a major jobs boost, if a planning application for two new occupiers at Cotmorewells Farm, Howland Road, is approved by South Oxfordshire District Council.

Developer Stoford is working on behalf of haberdashery distributor Groves and print and publication house The Windles Group, who are looking to move into the site.

The two firms currently employ a total of 170 people, and it is believed that a further 70 new jobs will be created over the next five years should the development occur.

Andrew Groves, managing director at Groves, said: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to remain in the Thame area and avoid the disruption of a move to larger facilities out of the locality."

Bruce Podmore, managing director at The Windles Group, said: "The proposed develop-ment will enable us to stay in the local area, ensuring that employment opportunities are secured for local people.

"The purpose built facility will also provide us with industry leading facilities to support future growth."

A public exhibition of the proposed development will be held at Thame Town Hall on March 28, running from 10am until 6.30pm, for people to view the plans.





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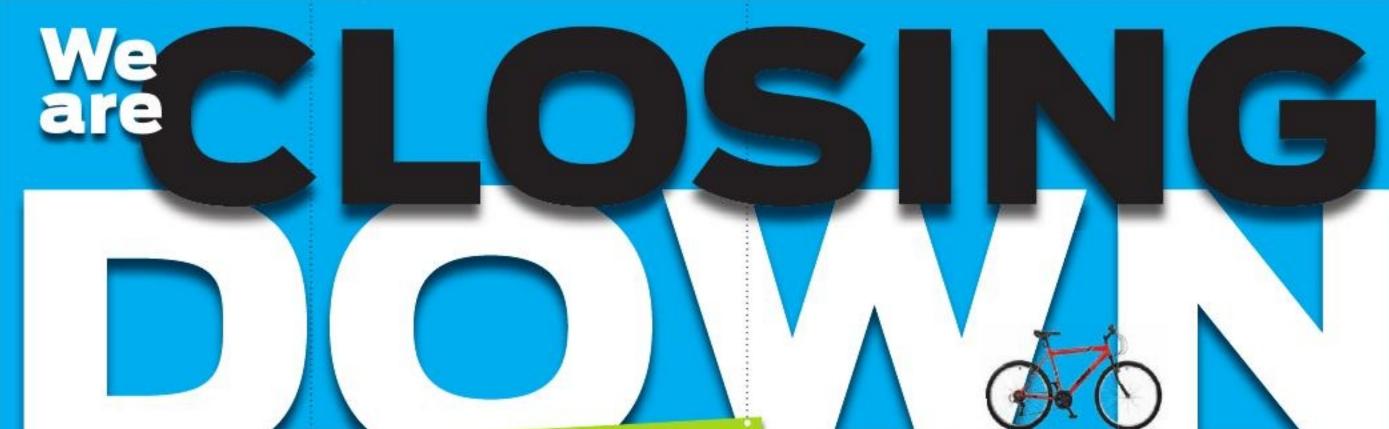




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An activity day for potential adopters

OXFORDSHIRE County Council has staged an adoption activity By Adam Flinn day, to offer would-be parents the chance to meet children looking for a new home and family.

day gave children the opportu- children with families. nity to meet potential adopters themselves.

came from America, where cies, as well as the council's

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statistics show that the events Taking place last Saturday, the are an effective way of matching the county council had teamed and finding out if there is chem-

in a safe and fun environment, event with their foster parents they believe has been successful. country, and so far the results as well as meeting other chil- and social workers, to give them Teresa Rogers, of the council's are promising, with more children in a similar position to support through the adoption adoption and fostering team, dren being adopted following an process.

adoption team, were present children looking for families. at the activity day to help bring "The event is designed to bring children and potential parents adopters and children together

up with other agencies to take istry. These events have already Many children attended the part in this type of project, which taken place in other parts of the said: "This has been a great event." The idea for an activity day A number of adoption agen- opportunity for potential adop- For information a go to www.

ogether. in play. We believe there is noth-Saturday was the first time that ing better than meeting them

ters to make a connection with oxfordshire.gov.uk/fostering.

Even more children's cancer resources at Horton General

CHILDREN suffering with for Children's and Women's cancer in North Oxfordshire Division. into Oxford.

and blood samples.

Previously this would have our staff." meant having to travel to the Dr Tania Davison, paediatric services.

will be able to access some "A key part of our Children's treatment from Banbury's strategy is bringing services Horton General Hospital from closer to children, young peo-May, instead of having to travel ple and their families and the communities in which they Young haematology and live. Our thriving Children's oncology patients will have the services at Horton is one of the option to attend the Horton for cornerstones of this strategy services including blood and as we continuously develop platelet transfusions, courses and improve the services we of antibiotics, dressing changes provide in partnership with patients, their families and

Oxford Children's Hospital at speciality doctor, added: "This the John Radcliffe for these can be a very difficult time for families. If reducing the "We are delighted to make amount of travelling for treatthis announcement," said Tony ment makes it easier for them, McDonald, general manager we are very happy to help."



Parents and children at the activity day

MP's Corner Andrew Smith MP for Oxford East



'Building up confidence'
IT WAS great recently to visit ple whose lives have been

ing, supported by Oxford state safety net. City Council, is invaluable We need more initiatives in helping build up the con-like this on a wider scale fidence and skills of people to help the young and long who might be cycling on our term unemployed onto the busy streets for the first time. employment ladder. We sim-A lot of people who would ply cannot afford to be wastlike to cycle, or get back to ing the talents of thousands cycling, are deterred by the of young people and leaving prospect of negotiating traffic them stuck in the dole queue on some of our busier roads. for years on end. The Labour The training offers them a Party is proposing a compulway to build their confidence sory jobs guarantee scheme which is good for their health, which will guarantee a real, helps to tackle congestion and paid job to every 18 to 24 year pollution in the city, as well as old who has been claiming benefitting the environment Jobseeker's Allowance for by putting abandoned bikes more than a year and for to good use and promoting every adult aged 25 and over cycling.

The Co-op particularly more than two years. works with people who are By bringing together govout of work, homeless or vul- ernment, employers and nerably housed to help them workers to tackle the issue their chances in life. It was we can ensure that those who particularly good to see have been hit hardest by the action for safe cycling linked recession can benefit from with giving skills, training the recovery, by getting them and work experience to peo- into real jobs.

the Broken Spoke Bike Co-op blighted by homelessness, which is a DIY bicycle work- since these are often the shop which teaches people of people who feel their skills all ages and backgrounds how aren't up to scratch and lose to ride and repair bicycles. their confidence, and who too The Co-op's cycling train- frequently fall through the

who has been claiming for

learn new skills and improve of long-term unemployment,

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West Oxfordshire District Council is encouraging community groups to since the start of the Witney RBL branch Great War.

floral displays, plaques or fruition."

munities, said: "We are mark the cenmaking a special exceptenary, includtion this year to offer ing the Witney financial support to local Branch of the communities who want Royal Britto mark this significant ish Legion's milestone in world his- upcoming cof-



apply for grants of up to . (From left) Mark Garwood, Cllr Richard £500, to mark 100 years Langridge and Les Tacon, chairman of the

A number of events until 12.30pm. Cllr Richard Langridge, and projects are planned The deadline for applicabinet member for comlocally and nationally to cations is April 23.

fee mornings.

"The council is proud Money raised at the The funding can be to support local com- mornings will be donated used to help with com- munities in this way, to the Poppy Appeal 2014, memorative projects, and we look forward to with the first taking place with project suggestions receiving ideas and see- on Saturday at the High including tree planting, ing the projects come to Street Methodist Church in Witney from 9.30am

Discounts for benefits.

News Bites

Man charged

A 19-YEAR-OLD man from Wallingford has been charged with assault and witness intimidation following an incident in the town on February 22.

The man, from St Nicholas Road, was involved in a confrontation at a bus stop, and was arrested the same

He has been remanded in custody, and will appear at Oxford Crown Court at a yet undecided date.

New gym open

WALLINGFORD Rowing Club's brand new gym was officially opened by Olympic rower Katherine Grainger CBE last Friday, following an £80,000 grant from South Oxfordshire District Council.

The funding was given as part of the council's Communities Capital Grant scheme, which offers funding to capital projects.

The club's project co-ordinator Tony Wheel said: "With the Thames having been in flood for nearly three months, having a first class training facility means the club has been a huge boon."



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It is part of the council's Community Facilities Grants for 2014/15, and applications are open until April 22 for the first round of funding.

Cllr Richard Langridge, cabinet mem-ber for communities, said: "We know that facilities like halls and play areas are at the heart of many communities, and we are very proud to offer these grants to help with improvements.

"As well as offering a substantial level of funding, support given by our council unlocks further opportunities for groups and organisations to secure additional financial backing."

Witney Town Bowls Club is one of the groups who has previously benefited from funding, when they received £37,349 towards building a new pavilion. Club committee member Alan Scholan

said: "We're very grateful to the district council and its support gave us leverage to secure funds from other organisations."

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Region's cops seize £5m in illegal drugs

FIVE people, including a man from Oxford, have been charged by police after an estimated £5million worth of drugs were seized in the Thames Valley.

The man, along with another from Woodstock, two from Northamptonshire, and a Dutch national, were arrested and charged last week.

A total of 24kg of class A drugs, made up of 16kg of cocaine and 8kg of heroin, were seized, and are believed to have a street value exceeding £5million.

Over £50,000 in cash, a hydraulic press and various other drug paraphernalia were also seized.

Police confiscated the items on March 10 from a vehicle on the M40 near High Wycombe, a lorry in Dover, Kent and during warrants in Walton Street, Oxford and Randolph Avenue, Woodstock.

The men were charged on March 12 with conspiracy to import and supply heroin and cocaine, and have been remanded in custody to appear at Oxford Crown Court tomorrow.

A 33-year-old man from Oxford was also arrested on suspicion to supply class A drugs, and has been bailed to appear at Abingdon police station on April 21.

Westgate plans move another step forward

OUTLINE planning permission has been given to a major By Adam Flinn redevelopment of Oxford's Westgate Centre, which will see John Lewis open its first store in the

The Crown Estate and Land nity as we progress with stage Securities, known as the West- two in developing our detailed gate Oxford Alliance, will see designs." £500million being spent on the Cllr Bob Price, leader of the be finished in 2017.

the alliance.

100 shops in the new centre, as impact of the development. well as space for cafés, restaurants and leisure, including a ing the detailed designs for the cinema. A two-storey basement four blocks and an early start of car park with between 900 and the construction work that will 1,100 spaces will be created, as give a huge boost to local jobs." well as up to 122 new homes.

ager for the Westgate Oxford fantastic to see this crucial and Alliance, said: "We are delighted exciting development for Oxfordthat Oxford City Council has shire take a major step towards resolved to grant consent for becoming a reality." this exciting development.

for residents and visitors.

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"We look forward to continue working with the city and county The joint venture between councils and the local commu-

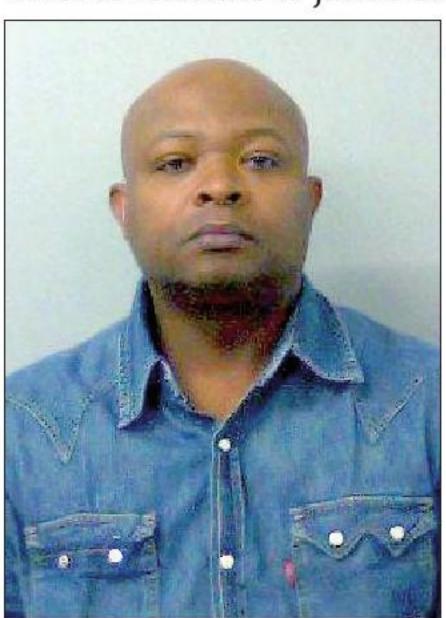
shopping centre, scheduled to city council, said: "The redevelopment of the Westgate Centre is Oxford City Council approved long overdue and our retail offer outline planning permission last has failed to keep pace with the Tuesday, following four years of expansion of the local economy. preparation and consultation by We are very pleased with the high quality of design, and the There will be space for around attention to the environmental

"We look forward now to receiv-

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, leader of Sara Fuge, development man- the county council, added: "It is

The alliance is now expected "Our investment will deliver an to consult further on designs improved Westgate, which will for the new centre, before a full enhance the attraction of Oxford planning application is submitted later this year.

Class A offender is jailed after guilty plea



AN OXFORD man has been jailed for supplying class A drugs in the city.

Nickyan Bromfield, 49, of Hollow Way, was sentenced to three years at Oxford Crown Court last week.

Bromfield pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to supply heroin and another with regard to crack cocaine.

On January 30, he was stopped by officers in The Slade.

His vehicle was searched and drugs were found hidden in the fuse box.

Bromfield also pleaded guilty to one count of driving otherwise in accordance of his licence.

He also submitted guilty pleas for one count of driving without insurance and one count of possession of an offensive weapon, a tyre wrench.

PC Ben Jones, investigating officer, said: "This sentence sends out a strong message that action will be taken against anyone found to be supplying drugs, such as the class A drugs discovered in this case."

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Corrupt cop is behind bars

A FORMER Thames Valley Police officer has been jailed for By Jack Johnson stealing the details of road crash victims and selling them on.

Sugra Hanif, 26, of Bretch by jury, of conspiracy to commit Hill, Banbury, was sentenced to misconduct in a public office. three-and-a-half years' imprisonment at Winchester Crown years' imprisonment. Court last Wednesday.

27, of Ivy Road, Handsworth, from a Thames Valley Police



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Khan was sentenced to three

Winchester Crown Court heard She, along with Raza Khan, Hanif stole personal records Birmingham, was found guilty, computer and sold that information to Khan.

> The crime occurred between April 1 and December 12, 2011.

> Hanif was found guilty this January and was dismissed by Thames Valley Police following a misconduct hearing on March

> Det Ch Supt Tim De Meyer, head of Professional Standards, said: "This was a serious case of corruption and it is right that she was dismissed from the force.

> "The thorough investigation of her crime shows how seriously Thames Valley Police takes these matters.

> "It is vital that people have complete trust in Thames Valley Police and its officers.

> "We are pleased that justice has been done."

Sugra Hanif

Residents to join health committee

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THREE co-opted members of the public will join with councillors to sit on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (OJHOSC), which analyses proposals for changes to health services in the county.

Moira Logie and Anne Wilkinson will join the committee, while Dr Keith Ruddle will serve a second year to sit alongside 12 county, district and city councillors.

Ms Logie previously worked in the NHS for 35 years, while Ms Wilkinson worked as a nurse and has spent time as a volunteer in Africa.

The committee will look at the performance of health bodies in the county.

Cllr Lawrie Stratford, chairman of OJHOSC, said: "I am delighted to welcome Moira and Anne to the committee.

"I am sure that their vast experience within health services will be of great benefit.

"It is the role of this committee to analyse what is being proposed and to get a good grip of what is going on for the benefit of the public."

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Cllr Mark Lygo, board member for Parks, Sport and Events, is pleased with the turnout so far.

However, he is urging even more people to don their running shoes this weekend.

"We are delighted that so many people have already signed up," he said.

"But we want even more people in Oxford to take part and make it the best Sport Relief Mile yet.

"So let's show the rest of the country what we can do and raise as much money as we possibly can for this incredible cause."

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Autumn date is set for lifestyle centre

By Jack Johnson

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STUDENTS enrolling at an Oxford college this September will be among the first to benefit from a new £6million lifestyle centre.

City of Oxford College, on Oxpens Road, is redeveloping its campus, creating a complex including a gym and hair and beauty salons.

There will also be a cafe, gallery, function room and outside space fronting the Castle Mill Stream.

Run on the college's learning company model, students will work in the centre alongside industry professionals.

Students studying hair and beauty will work in the salons while those enrolled on sport and exercise science courses will staff the gym. Hospitality ate the centre's cafe.

The facilities will be available ments around. to the public, with the salons and gym open during the evening, dents fast and direct pathways the heart of the city centre. weekends and holidays.



An artist's impression of the lifestyle centre and (inset) Ian Francis

into employment, by enabling "Our vision is for the centre closely than ever before, and we College principal Ian Francis them to develop skills and to become a haven for busy look forward to welcoming the said: "This exciting scheme knowledge relevant for their people who want a convenient, first students to the centre in will give our students access industry. The centre will also stylish place to work out, have September."

and catering students will oper- to some of the most contempo- provide a holistic package of life- a hair or beauty treatment or offering customers the best in a snack. "We believe this will offer stu-fitness, hair and beauty right in "The centre will bring together

rary learning and work environ- style services for local people, simply relax with a coffee and

learning and employment more

Drug busts: Seven people are arrested

FOUR men from Oxford have been remanded in custody after appearing in court on conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

Two 37-year-olds, a 33-yearold and a 31-year-old were arrested by Thames Valley Police's Serious and Organised Crime Unit on February 27.

Approximately two and a half kilos of cocaine, four kilos of cutting agents, a hydraulic press and other drug paraphernalia were seized in warrants conducted after their arrests.

After being charged, the men appeared at Banbury Magistrates Court on March 1.

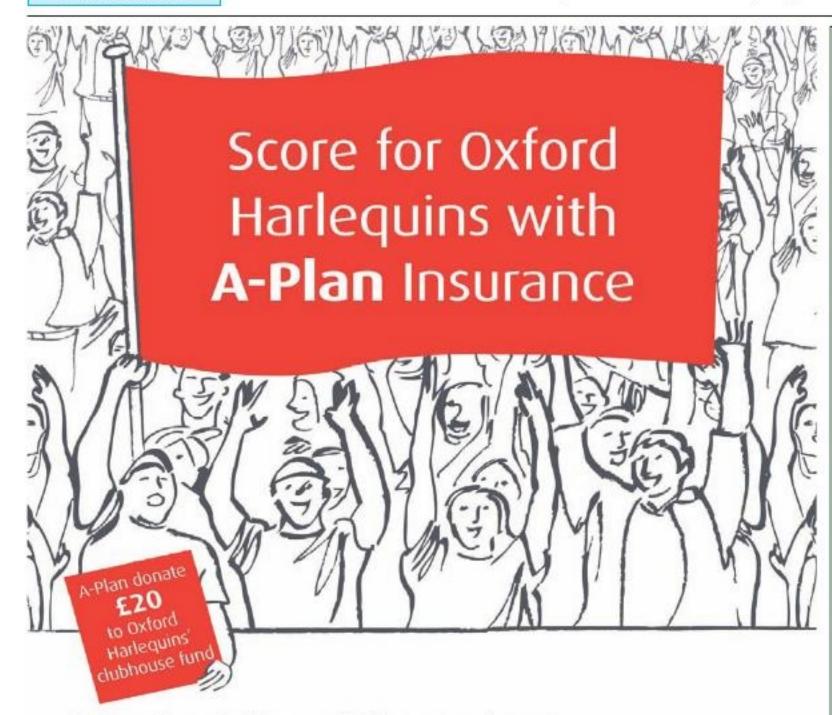
They appeared for a further hearing on March 7 and have been remanded in custody until a plea and directions hearing on May 23.

In total, seven people were arrested following the inves-

A 43-year-old man from Oxford was also arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to supply class A drugs.

Two women, aged 32 and 28, both from Oxford, were arrested on suspicion of possession of class A drugs and bailed pending further enquir-





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Home style

Living by design...

A picture-perfect home decorated by a leading designer is beyond the pocket of most of us. Gabrielle Fagan asks three industry experts - Kelly Hoppen, Tricia Guild and Nina Campbell - to reveal their secrets so you can make that stunning interior a reality

Kelly Hoppen

and currently one of the dragons on BBC Two's Dragons' Den. whose new book is Kelly Hop- warmth," she says. "Our homes pen Design Masterclass: How are, after all, our greatest asset, Dreams, says the importance our sense of wellbeing and hapof home cannot be underesti- piness." the cares slip from our shoul- is essential, she says. "Write a ders and be able to enjoy being wish list for your home. Don't cocooned in comfort, safety and worry about colour palettes, increasing role as its power is choices of flooring, fabrics, fur- or a pair of lamps to help bring a understood more. Good lighting niture and lighting. "I show peo- serene feeling of order, and taupe is her trademark shade.

Kelly Hoppen, interior designer By Gabrielle Fagan

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make you most happy, and how you should ever skimp on." walk through the door."

fabric choices or furniture at is like a layer of magic dust sprin- ple beautiful homes throughout this stage - rather describe the kled over everything - it affects the world whose interiors I have atmosphere, the style of decora- mood more than any other factor designed. But most importantly, tion you like, the things that will and is not a design ingredient the book provides the tools and

Hoppen's 2014 trend tips: hand through the journey of than that, I hope they can design "This year there will be a big- designing a home," she says. a home that is all about them." mated. "The moment we cross Hoppen's tips on creating a ger emphasis on modular and "That starts from analysing the Get the look: Characteristiour threshold, we should feel dream home: Good planning structured designs," she pre- space they have and determining cally, Hoppen uses symmetry, dicts. "Lighting will play an ever how best to use it, to resolving such as a pair of low coffee tables

insight for people to achieve their you want others to feel when they How can your book help? "This own version of a Kelly Hoppen is my way of holding someone's interior, if they desire, but more



 An unusual Italian chandelier, 1930s-style dining chairs upholstered in Campbell fabricwall. PA Photo/Handout.

 Below: Artwork and a dramatic sculptural shelf resin. The symmetry draws the eye in a white living area with its accents of taupe. Above right: Kelly Hoppen. PA Photo/Handout.







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Home style



Nina Campbell

Nina Campbell is an interior designer with a portfolio of celebrity clients, including Rod Stewart and the Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson. Her new book is Nina Campbell Interiors. "A ing matches but everything goes wake them up, make them feel home should be finished to the together'." point that it is comfortable and is somewhere that you can live think a more classic decoration masses of white to keep a sense and entertain, but it must always have a few spaces yet to be filled," says Campbell, summing up her prevalent," she says. "People view of design and interiors. "If will enjoy displaying treasured more confident about using and nothing ever changes, a house pieces of furniture along with enjoying colour and pattern and can become stagnant. I think modern, new pieces. "Wallpa- really appreciating how much it it's always good to be open to new ways to display pieces and larity in a big way and patterns to subtly change decor to suit the season."

a dream home: "First of all, I think you need to consider a property and its location and thoroughly understand what you are working with. Then you "Then be honest about how you do the dogs live on the bed, do you want to lie full length on sofas or simply tucked up in



an armchair? "Finally, create your own style. One of my biggest pleasures is sourcing furniture, bespoke pieces and art so that every home is unique. One cli- a matter of tuning into it. "Once ent summed up this perfectly by you start to be aware of this, you saying about his interior, 'Noth- realise everyone has colours that

is set to enjoy a revival, with a lot of balance." more colour, pattern and detail pers are coming back into popu- can enrich a home," she says. are becoming bolder. Florals will continue to dominate and blowsy to the spirit, and that realisation Campbell's tips on creating blooms and painterly designs will continue and get stronger will generally hold sway."

How can your book help? "As a designer I want to be a guide to achieving a client's desires and ers and design. In more than 25 to be editor of their dreams," need to decide how you want she says. "The eight projects in to live in the house," she says. the book, including a chic city function can be used to create apartment, an English country stunning rooms, different moods really want to live in the house home and a mansion in China, show how that process unfolds and works. "Each home caters for a variety of tastes from contemporary to traditional and has needed different approaches and solutions. I hope the book will inspire people to create their own elegant, comfortable homes."

> Get the look: Luxury, subtle elegance and detail are at the heart of Campbell's style.

Tricia Guild,

Tricia Guild, founder and creative director of renowned fabric and wallpaper specialists, Designers Guild. Her new book is Colour Deconstructed. "What does a home mean to me? That's simple. It should be where you

 Left: Collingwood sofa, from £3,120, Nina Čampbell Bleow left: Nina Campbell Below right: Tricia Guild PA Photo/Handout.

feel joy and happiness - it should feel like your own space, reflective of the spirit, life and loves of the person who lives there."

Guild's tips on creating a dream home "Colour can completely transform the mood of a space,' she says. "Although people often feel afraid of colour, I believe we all have a colour sense - it's just happy, sad or balanced. I love Campbell's 2014 trend tips: "I fresh vital colours used with

Guild's trend tips for 2014 "People are becoming ever "Colour makes the heart sing, touches the soul and gives joy this year."

How can your book help? "This is my 16th book on colour, flowdecorative schemes, I show how colour and pattern, texture and and atmosphere," she says.

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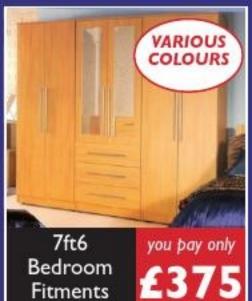
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Refugee Boy

REFUGEE Boy, based on the novel by Benjamin Zephaniah, is staged at the Oxford Playhouse on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It follows the story of Alem, a 14-year-old who while on holiday with his father in the UK, wakes up to find himself alone, after having become a refugee overnight.

More details of which can be found at www.oxfordplayhouse.com.

Metronomy

POP act Metronomy, known for being quintessentially English, bring their UK tour to Oxford's O2 Academy on Tuesday, in support of their new album 'Love Letters'.

Metronomy's dance routines and light shows have gained them a big following, with second album 'Nights Out' taking them from a big underground dance act to the mainstream.

Funny people

ROB Beckett, Steve Gribbin, Marlon Davis and Tobias Persson make up the line-up at Oxford's Glee Club this weekend.

Steve, Marlon and Tobias form Saturday's show, while Rob brings his new tour to the club on Sunday.



'BIRDS of a Feather' star Lesley Joseph is coming to Oxford, as she stars in comedy musical Hot

Flush at the New Theatre next Thursday.

Hot Flush follows four feisty women who meet up once a week at a local bar to give each other moral support and gossip about the men in their lives.

Made up of Myra (Lesley Joseph), Sylvia (Lori Haley Fox), Helen (Anne Smith) and Jessica (Ruth Keeling), the quartet are collectively known as 'The Hot Flush Club'.

And Matt Slack also stars in the show, as he takes on the role of all 15 men in the production.

"It's the only show I've ever done also vulnerable," Lesley added. where on the first night we overran by 15 minutes because there were so many laughs!" said Lesley.

"It strikes a chord because it's about menopausal women, and a lot of women identify with that. The Vagina Monologues started a trend, and Hot Flush is merely continuing that.

"Myra is middle-aged and frustrated,



and like a lot of women her age, she's trying to find a new life for herself.

"But she learns to be herself and that she is worth something, and the show demonstrates the strength all the women have when they're together."

Lesley is best known for playing Dorien Green in 'Birds of a Feather', which returned for its 10th series at the beginning of 2014 after a 16-year

"Dorien is a nasty piece of work, but people really like her because she is

"She can never be too successful, she still has to be stuck in Chigwell, but she takes life by the balls and just goes for it - a true life force."

Asked if Lesley thought she was more like Dorien or Myra, she said: "I'm not like either. I haven't got anything in common with them, apart from my age!"

Next Thursday's show starts at 7.30pm. For booking details, call 0844 871 3020 or go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

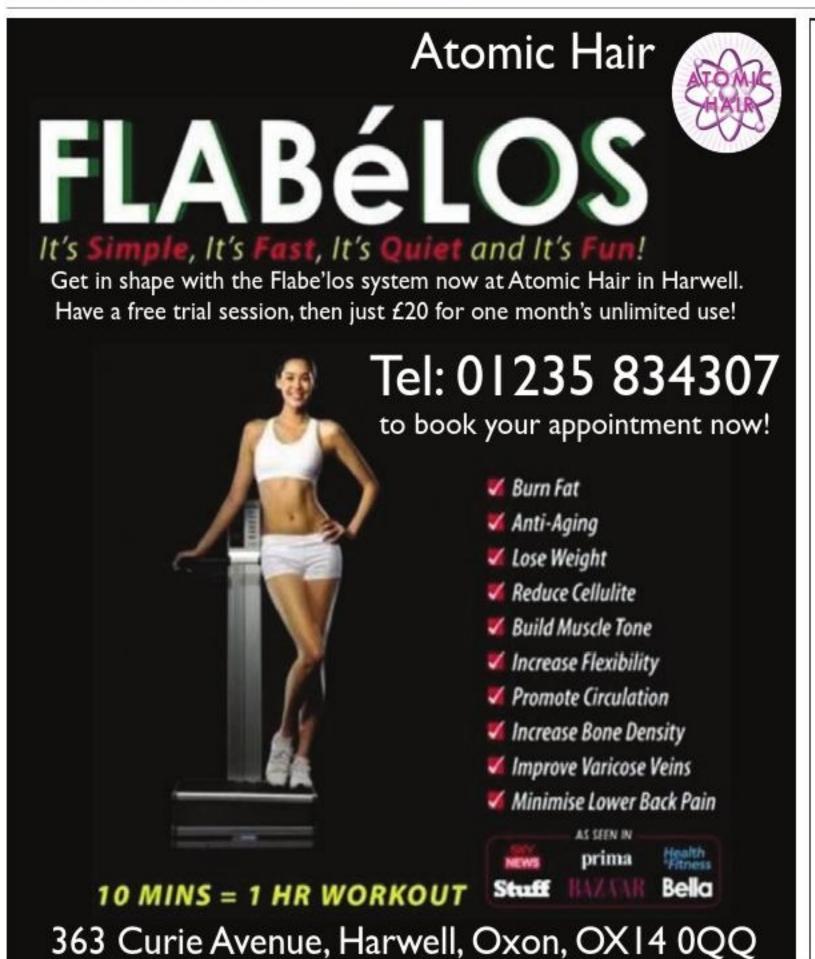
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The Only Way is Downton

ONE man comedy show The Only Way Is Downton takes place at Didcot's Cornerstone theatre on Saturday, performed by Surrey comic Luke Kempner.

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Prospero was stuck on the island with his baby daughter for 12 years, and raises a storm to bring his enemies towards him in this adaptation of Shakespeare's play.

Rosie Wilby

COMEDIAN Rosie Wilby traces a personal journey through early '90s feminism, in a new show at Oxford Playhouse tomorrow evening.

Rosie's storytelling is interspersed with video interviews, music and photographs as she tries to find the collective of women who set up York University's feminist newspaper 'The Matrix'.

Ruby Turner

JAMAICAN R&B and soul singer Ruby Turner, known for having one of the greatest voices the UK has ever produced, performs at the Chipping Norton Theatre tomorrow.

Ruby has been singing professionally since 1985, and rose to prominence with hits including 'If You're Ready', 'I'd Rather Go Blind' and 'Stay With Me Baby'. It starts at 7.45pm.

'Inspiring and varied'

DIDCOT'S Cornerstone theatre is host to a free art exhibition until Sunday, featuring a wide range of printmaking techniques from local artists.

Hosted by the Oxford Printmakers, almost 80 prints are being displayed that show scenes from around the world, as well as local areas such as



the rolling hills of the Ridgeway.

Artists will be demonstrating their skills in etching, linocut and woodcut, as well as speaking about their work.



Catriona Brodribb of the Oxford Printmakers said: "The show represents a broad range of current work made by our members.

"Visitors have described the work as inspiring, varied and colourful."

Miranda Laurence, Cornerstone's arts development officer, said: "We're so pleased to host this free exhibition by local artists, which looks beautiful in our gallery and offers such a range for our visitors.

"Not only can you view the stunning works, but you can also learn about the process and techniques involved.

"We sold our first pieces within hours of opening the exhibition, and with prices starting from £40, we hope that many of our visitors will come away with a piece of unique art to remember the exhibition by."

The Oxford Printmakers was established in 1976, many of whom were artists who had studied at the Ruskin School of Drawing.

They are based at Christadelphian Hall in east Oxford and currently have around 90 members, with the workshop staffed by three part-time technicians.

Many of the prints have been created in the group's workshop, and are available to purchase. The Cornerstone has around 10

exhibitions each year, showcasing the

local and national artists.

For more information about the Oxford Printmakers exhibition, or others that are scheduled in future months, go to www.cornerstone-arts. org, or call the box office on 01235 515144.

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 Jonathan Moss and Catriona Brodribb of the Oxford Printmakers (Picture by James Douglas)

Sean Hughes in Oxfordshire

STAND-UP comedian Sean Hughes makes two trips to Oxfordshire this week, with a show at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre tomorrow followed by heading to Henley's Kenton Theatre on Sunday.

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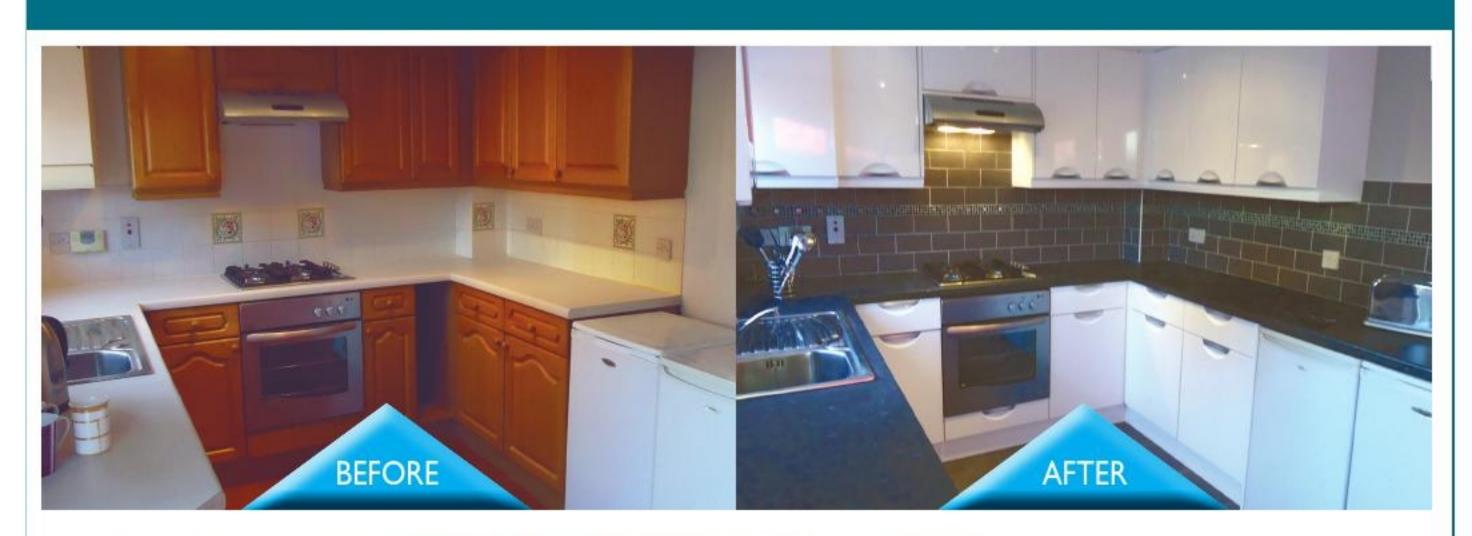
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Quick Clues Across

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- 8 Angles (7)
- 10 Swooped (7)
- II Dances (5)
- 12 Concise (5)
- 13 Act of flirting (9)
- 16 Truce (9)
- 19 Melody (5)
- 20 Catch hold of (5)
- 22 Deep ravines (7)
- 23 Voter (7)
- 24 Enjoyment of cruelty (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Afraid (6)

- 5 Confirmed (I3)
- 7 Unexpected (6)
- 9 European country (5)
- 14 Decreased (8)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 4 Investigated professional plot (6)
- 8 Time's up for charges (7)
- 10 Painful experiences of gold transactions? (7)
- 11 A right young man for the crime
- 12 Bringing down the bird (5)
- 13 Feeling they put me in mixed tennis with team leader (9)
- 16 Fruit stolen from barrel? (9)
- 19 It's forbidden thanks to jeering sound (5)
- 20 Postponement of French song feeling? (8)
- 22 Shows how Father attacks, we hear (7)
- 23 See it's a short distance after the crop to the barn (3,4)
- 24 Men of the trees? (6)

- 2 Right (4)
- 3 Discerning (13)
- 6 Wheat paste (8)
- 15 Loose shirts (6)
- 17 A rodent (5)
- 18 Specialist (6)
- 21 Opposed to (4)

Cryptic Clues Down

- I Rails about five who are competitors (6)
- 2 Chooses to stop out (4)
- 3 Not Gentlemen, be seated' (8,5)
- 5 Important occasions for Moscow landlady? (3-6,4)
- 6 Food for Bunny is seen to flourish (8)

7 Wish to end hostilities in

- dire circumstances (6) 9 Loves to unravel mysteries
- 14 Figured the Editor was less
- 15 Plain but sounds elevating
- 17 A blow to astound (5)
- 18 Go to the streets for these meetings (6)
- 21 The circle will see to the work (4)

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Quick Crossword

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Down: 2 Thumbs 3 Entitle 4 Solicitor 5 Ether 6 Evinces 7 Digests 11 Extremely 12 Dissect 13 Falsify 15 Gudgeon 16 Intent 18 Exert

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Consort 5 Babel 8 Lair 9 Straight 10 Played the game 13 Aden 14 Tips 17 Demonstration 19 Cantered 20 Airs 21 Shape 22 Extends

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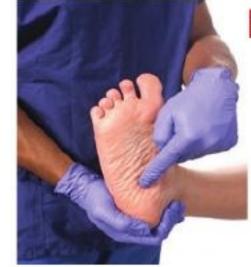
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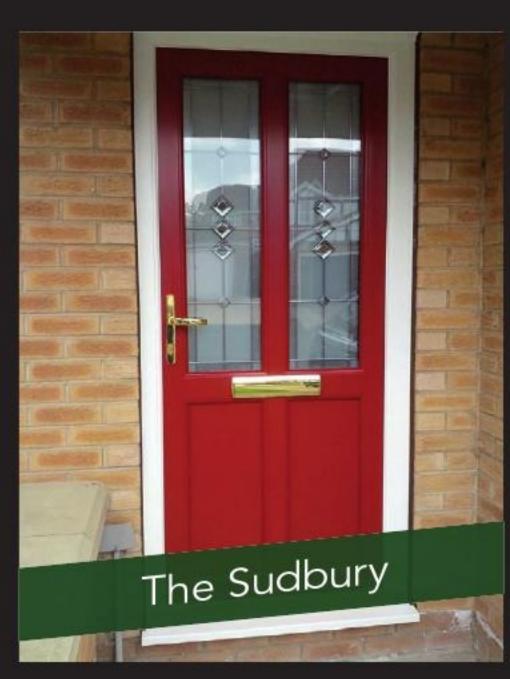
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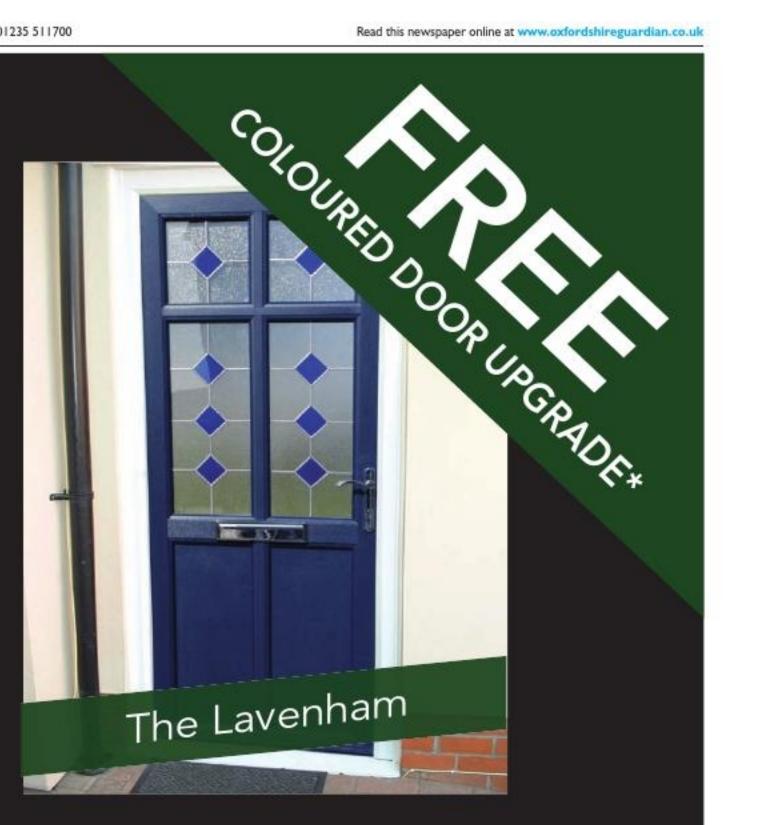
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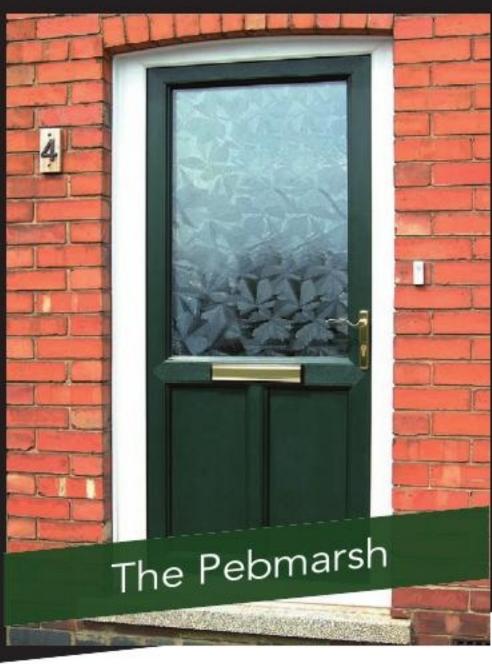






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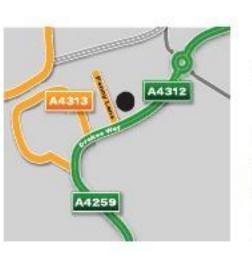
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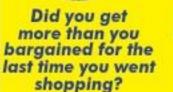
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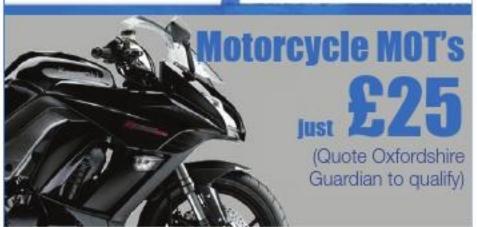
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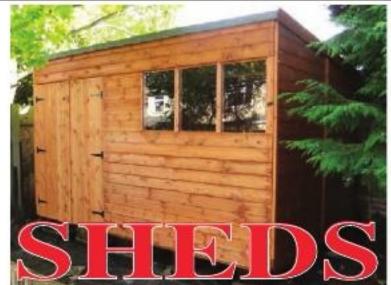
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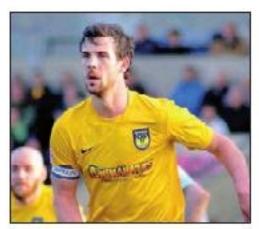
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Wright - 'We have worked too hard to throw it away'



 Jake Wright is urging Oxford United not to blow a chance of vying for promotion from Sky Bet League 2 (Picture by Steve Daniels)

JAKE Wright says Oxford United have worked too hard By Jack Johnson to squander a chance of winning jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk promotion.

six games.

and only four points inside the string) is still a doubt. play-offs.

United's concerns.

United were beaten 3-0 by Tom Newey and Michael then league leaders Chester- Raynes were both sent off, while field last Saturday, a defeat that United finished the game with extended their winless run to only eight players as Johnny Mullins was stretchered off.

Sky Bet League 2, eight points home game against Hartlepool adrift of automatic promotion United, while Dave Kitson (ham-

However, the scoreline at the Wright is determined to make tomorrow night. Proact Stadium was the least of sure United do not lose out on a chance of promotion.

too well this season to get where at full-back. we are and chuck it all away," said the 28-year-old.

"The last six or eight games haven't been good enough and despite who is playing, confiwe know that.

"But we can't put our finger on what it is. We are working and viduals and as a team and it is The result leaves them sixth in All three will miss tomorrow's training as hard as ever, we all something we need to put right want the same thing."

Caretaker manager Mickey Lewis does have options when fans. We let them, Mickey, our-Despite the recent form, it comes to picking a side for selves and each other down,

"We've worked too hard and while Scott Davies can also play

Andy Whing and Jon Meades are also back in full training.

However, Wright added that, dence is low.

"Confidence is low as indiquickly," he added.

"We're disappointed for the but we need to turn it around

Matt Bevans and Sam and try and put it right on Long have impressed Friday."

Revving up for opener

BRADLEY Smith begins his Tech3 by Spanish rookie Pol was on my debut last year." MotoGP campaign in Qatar Espargaro, who won the Moto2 Team manager Herve Ponthis weekend following a posi- championship last year. tive winter of testing.

tough debut race at the Losail ing his collarbone in testing a hard to digest everything he circuit last year as he crashed few weeks ago. out from 11th place on lap five.

be hoping for a strong points finish this Sunday after featuring in going to be vital," he said. the top-10 for much of testing.

The Oxford-born rider had a debut on Sunday despite break- Bradley, who has been working

Smith, on the other hand, is However, the 23-year-old will injury free and raring to go.

"These first three races are

"I'm feeling far more confident (Picture courtesy He is joined at Monster Yamaha and at ease on the bike than I of Tech3)

charal added: "Last year was Espargaro expects to make his a very good rookie season for learnt during 2013.

"I believe he will surprise people."

Bradley Smith



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Symons is the hero as City earn valuable win

MIKE Symons struck a late winner on Tuesday night to hand Oxford City a much needed lifeline in their bid to avoid relegation from the Skrill North.

City beat fellow strugglers Histon 2-1 at Marsh Lane with Symons sealing the win with nine minutes remaining.

The win leaves them second from bottom in the table, six points from

However, a first win since Boxing Day will lift the spirits at City ahead of this Saturday's trip to secondplaced AFC Telford United.

Mike Ford's men did not get off to the best of starts on Tuesday as after just three minutes.

It did not take long for City to ball into the bottom corner. respond, however, as Steve Basham fired into the bottom corner on 18 . Mike Symons (Picture by Mike minutes.



Ford's side turned up the pressure Nathan Hicks put Histon in front in the second half and eventually got their reward as Symons slotted the

Sport Bites

Held back

JASON Plato was unable to get any competitive dry weather running at Tuesday's British Touring Car Championship test, and could only set the 22ndfastest time of the day.

Plato's best effort of 1:19.887 was almost nine seconds slower than pacesetter Andrew Jordan, as he completed 14 laps in the wet conditions.

His team-mate Sam Tordoff was able to set a competitive dry lap to come fifth, and show that their MG6 car has some pace ahead of the first round of the season at Brands Hatch on March 30.

Hawks win

HENLEY Hawks won a second consecutive match last Saturday, with a 23-13 win against Blaydon in the SSE National League 1.

But there was disappointment for Chinnor in the National League 2 South, after a narrow 34-31 loss against Ampthill and District.

Oxford Harlequins defeated Witney 32-23 in their South West 1 East match, while Grove suffered a 37-19 loss to Windsor in the same division.

Shining Stars

OXFORD City Stars thrashed Cardiff 10-1 in their National Ice Hockey League 2 South match last Sunday, to put them just one point behind league leaders Slough Jets.

Hat-tricks from Alan Green and Darren Elliott, along with goals from Josh Florey, Josh Oliver, Andy Cox and

Sam Arnold gave Stars an easy win against a shortbenched Cardiff side.

Just three games remain in the season, starting with a home match against Bristol Pitbulls on Saturday before what could be a title-deciding game against Slough on April 6.

'Results are the priority'

WANTAGE Town manager Gary Ackling says results, rather than performances, are the priority as the climax to the Hellenic Premier Division draws nearer.

A 4-3 win at Brimscombe & Thrupp on Tuesday saw Wantage close the gap on leaders Ardley United to two points. The Alfredians have two games in hand over Ardley and despite a recent dip in performance, Ackling is focused on picking up points.

"We have 10 games remaining and, the way I look at it is, performances aren't really important now, it's the results," he said.

"We're in a good position, but we're under no illusions."

Wantage face Maidenhead in the quarters of the Hellenic Floodlit Cup tonight.



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Burnell warns of over-elaboration

WEHAVE TO KEP THINGS SIMPLE

JUSTIN Burnell is asking his players to keep it simple after By Jack Johnson London Welsh's bonus point winning run came to an end at

limited to three tries in a 20-5 said. win at Mennaye Field.

up to second in the Greene King missed opportunities. IPA Championship, three points behind leaders Bristol Rugby.

eral missed chances.

"Sometimes we try to over- "There's always things you "It could have been eight tries,

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Cornish Pirates last weekend. elaborate things when a simple point win in a row, Burnell After three successive bonus catch and pass is best, and we admits he would have taken a point victories, the Exiles were would have had more tries," he 15-point victory.

Despite this, the Exiles moved lar tries, but it was just those course we would.

do the work."

Nick Scott, Daniel Browne and Burnell added: "I guess we're Carl Kirwan went over for Welsh never going to be happy because frustration sets in because we but Burnell was left ruing sev- we're obviously aspiring to be a missed five clear opportunities better team.

can work on, but it was a good win."

Despite the disappointment of not recording a fourth bonus

He added: "Would we have "We scored three spectacu- taken the win before hand? Of

"It puts us second in the league "You've just got to let the ball and three points adrift of Bris-

> "However, as the game unfolds to score tries.

that's the disappointing part for

"But it's still all to play for and we just want to be in that top four and in a good position come the business end of the season."

The Exiles welcome Bedford Blues to the Kassam Stadium on Sunday.

Wright calls on players to deliver - see inside

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